



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/12/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

CCLC-58397

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Same

Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation			Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient. Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
06/12/2025	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/13/2025	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
01/03/2025	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main1	A	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main1	B	One Year Olds	2	13	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main1	C	One Year Olds	2	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main1	D	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main1	E		0	0	C	40	C	NA	NA	Clean Up
Main1	G	Three Year Olds	3	30	C	36	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main1	H	Three Year Olds	2	22	C	25	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main1	I	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	4	24	C	53	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 215					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 125					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main1	A	75	C
Main1	B	153	C
Main1	C	28	C

Comments

Visit was conducted jointly with Rena Keene and Kayla Coats.

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).

Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

Refutation Process:

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)

Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a CI FollowUp:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Monitoring visit not conducted on this date as two regulatory visits have already been made in this fiscal year.

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined that an unknown number of children that exceeded 40 children four years of age through school age were gathered in the cafeteria on May 30, 2025, at approximately 2:40 pm. Staff and Director stated that due to special water day activities, the children were gathered together for a picture opportunity only, to provide a Facebook post for the center. The Director is aware that the required 35 square feet of usable space must be provided at all times and exceptions cannot be made for special events.

Correction Deadline: 6/12/2025

Prior Visits: 06/23/2023

591-1-1.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/3/2025

Prior Visits: 01/03/2025

Corrected on 6/12/2025

.25(13) - No hazardous supplies were observed in any classroom accessible to the children.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

Comment

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591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Comment**

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591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

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Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

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Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Comment**

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Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided one file for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Comment**

Monitoring visit not conducted on this date as two regulatory visits have already been made in this fiscal year.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Met****Comment**

Monitoring visit not conducted on this date as two regulatory visits have already been made in this fiscal year.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 1/13/2025****Prior Visits: 06/23/2023****Corrected on 6/12/2025****.32(7) - Appropriate supervision was observed in all classrooms.**